

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

✓ In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel without prejudice original claims 1 to 11 in the original application, and revised claims 1 to 10 in the revised pages of the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report dated November 26, 2001 and please add new claims 12 to 21 as follows:

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12. (New) A system for testing the load state of at least one device in the case of a load by a plurality of users, the device being connected to a communications network based on an IP standard, comprising

at least one programmable control device having an assigned memory device, in which a plurality of session scripts is able to be stored, which each contain an initialization procedure, a predefined test procedure, and a termination procedure; at least one session computer connected to the control device and having a plurality of mutually independent connection interfaces, to each of which is assigned a script-processing device for executing a session script assigned by the control device, a plurality of script-processing devices being able to simultaneously establish independent IP connections via the connection interfaces assigned to them, to a device to be tested, under the control of the session scripts suitably assigned by the control device, initiate test procedures, and disconnect the IP connections.

13. (New) The test system of claim 12,

wherein, in each session computer, a session-management device is implemented, which supplies each selected script-processing device with the session script allocated to it.